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LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL STANDARD IN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for lack of international level sports persons in our country ;

(b) whether our country lacks the sport infrastructure of the international standard ; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government propose to provide the required infrastructure facilities of international level in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON.RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Severe financial constraints and the enormity of the challenge of sports promotion and development of sports infrastructure across the country are main reasons for the slow development of sports performance in the country. In addition, the ratio of persons participating in competitive sports is low in comparison with those participating in recreational sports - leading to lesser competition and consequently lower performance. Food habits, age of entry into the sports discipline , environment and motivation play a crucial role in deciding the level of performance of a sports person. Besides, sports is yet to be made an integral part of our educational curriculum. All factors mentioned have contributed towards the lack of international level sports persons in the country.

(b) No , Sir.

(c) Govt. provides assistance for creation of sports infrastructure under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.